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no. 08/912,405, filed August 18, 1997 (now U.S. patent 5,921,346), which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/506,685, filed July 25, 1995 (now U.S. patent 5,730,248). -

In the Claims:

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B2 21. In combination with a bridge having a deck, a platform disposed below said bridge deck and attached to said bridge and extending along a portion of the bridge for supporting persons performing work on the bridge portion and for collecting debris resulting from the work, the platform comprising:

a) a plurality of cables extending along said bridge and in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of said bridge deck;

b) means at each end of said cables for securing said cables to said bridge so that the plane of the cables is at a desired distance below the bridge portion;

c) a plurality of flooring sections each extending transversely of said cables and resting on said cables, said flooring sections arranged in side-by-side relation longitudinally of said cables; and

d) means for releasably securing said flooring sections to said cables.

2 22. A combination according to claim *1* 21 wherein said bridge further has at least two spaced apart structural members and wherein said cable securing means comprises a compression clamp structure on each of said structural members, said cables being connected at each of opposite ends thereof to one of said compression clamp structures.

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23. A combination according to claim 21 wherein each of said flooring sections has means defining an opening therein and wherein said releasably securing means comprises, for each of said flooring sections, a part which engages said respective flooring section and a part which extends through said opening means in said respective flooring section for engaging one of said cables, said releasably securing means being disconnectable so that each individual flooring section can be removed to allow access through the flooring.

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24. A combination according to claim 21 wherein said flooring sections comprise corrugated elongated rectangular decking panels with corrugations thereof extending transversely of said cables.

25. A method for supporting persons performing work on a portion of a bridge comprising installing a platform below a deck of the bridge and supporting the persons on the platform, the step of installing the platform comprising the sub-steps of:

a) securing a plurality of cables to the bridge so that the cables extend along the bridge in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the bridge deck at a selected distance below the bridge portion;

b) resting on the cables a plurality of flooring sections so that the flooring sections extend transversely of the cables and are arranged in side-by-side relation longitudinally of the cables; and

c) releasably securing the flooring sections to the cables.

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26. A method according to claim 25 wherein the sub-step of securing the cables comprises installing a compression clamp structure on each of a pair of spaced apart bridge structural

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members and connecting opposite ends of the cables to the compression clamp structures respectively.

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27. A method according to claim 25 wherein the sub-step of releasably securing the flooring sections comprises, for each of the flooring sections, engaging one part of a structure with the respective flooring section, extending an other part of the structure through an opening in the respective flooring section and engaging one of the cables therewith, and engaging the parts so that the structure is disconnectable so that each individual flooring section can be removed to allow access through the flooring.

Information Disclosure Statement

In order to insure compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, enclosed is form 1449A. References 7 and 10 were cited in later filed related application 08/888,271. Copies of the above references are enclosed. Applicant has not obtained a translation of reference 10, although the English-language Abstract previously provided to Applicant by the Patent Office is enclosed.

Reference 3 cited in the form 1449A was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application serial no. 08/912,405, filed August 18, 1997, which parent application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, and reference 9 is the patent which issued on this parent application. Each of the remaining cited references 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 in the form 1449A was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application serial no. 08/506,685, filed July 25, 1995, which parent application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, and reference 8 is the patent which issued on this parent application. Thus, in